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DEMOCRATS CAVE TO TERRORIST DEMANDS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Idaho Senator Larry Craig offered the following comments following the Senate’s passage of the Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Appropriations bill, which he voted against:

“A time table for withdrawal from Iraq without establishing a stable environment in which the Iraqi government can function sends a direct message to our enemies that America does not have the resolve to defeat terrorist networks around the world. For too long, Democrat Administrations viewed the Middle East as ‘stable’ as long as there wasn’t too much violence. They turned away from the atrocities and dictatorships that instigated the terrorist movement and incubated their hatred of liberty.

“Terrorists brought this war to the United States and those terrorist groups are fighting us in Iraq. Now, terrorists are pressuring us to leave Iraq by murdering innocent Iraqis. America doesn’t negotiate with terrorists. Unfortunately, Democrats are meeting their demands to declare defeat and withdraw.

“If we accept their demands, it will only fuel their drive to use murder to defeat democracy and liberty. It will ensure they refocus their efforts on Americans at home.

“I support President Bush’s expected veto of this bill, and hope we can send a new bill to his desk as soon as possible so our troops have the resources they need to defeat terrorism in Iraq and around the world, and provide for a secure and stable Iraq that is free from terrorist influence.”

For more information on the War on Terror and Senator Craig’s visits to Iraq, visit his Securing Freedom Issue Brief on his website.